

Yesterday, July 14, 2007, we participated in the Ride Across Indiana (RAIN) bicycle ride/race.

During the ride I (Jeff) noticed a Crossroads Missions jersey. Having previously lived in Evansville, IN for 15 years and attended Crossroads Christian Church (I moved away from Evansville three years ago), I rode over, introduced myself and asked about the organization the jersey represented. I'm sorry to say that I can't remember the name of the man, but he was riding to help raise money for the Katrina rebuilding effort. We rode together for a few minutes and he told me of the huge rebuilding effort still remaining in that area and his ride would help raise some \$500 for the construction of a home by the church youth group. I wished him luck and rode on as the natural ebb and flow of the race took us apart.

But that's NOT the story!

Several hours later in the race at about the 110 mile mark, our support vehicle was no where to be found (our support was covering five different riders whom had become widely spread out) and we were out of water. Five miles later our support was still absent when the Crossroads Missions support van pulls up to the group and refuels your rider. I rode over and asked if I could get some water as well. Without hesitation they took my bottle and refilled it with ice cold water. That simple act saved our ride as it was just enough water for us to split and stay with the lead group of riders until our support driver was able to catch up to us. As we rode on I heard several other people asking for water and the same, "sure give me your bottle" response came again and again without hesitation. The actions of the folks in the Crossroads van didn't surprise Chris or me as we are both already strong Christians - but it may have surprised others.

What is the potential impact of the smallest of actions? When we identify ourselves as Christians for the world to see, it could be monumental. If living the love of Christ is what we do, sooner or later we will forget to do it. If living the love of Christ is what we are, we never even have to think about doing it. Many praises to the rider and support folks who represented Crossroads Missions in the Ride Across Indiana. They certainly were living the love of Christ.

We are happy to make a small contribution to the Katrina home building fund and pray the Lord's blessing will be with this project.

Sincerely,
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